

SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH CHURCH

March 20, 2022

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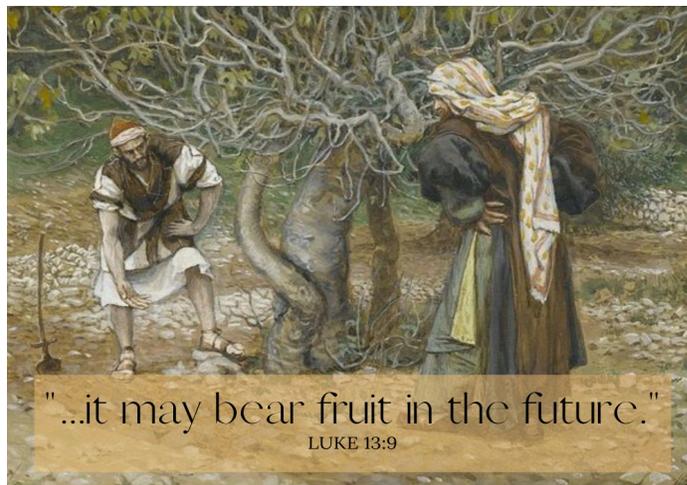
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30 AM
Daily Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM,
followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday: 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM
7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM
(schedule subject to change on certain Holydays.
Check website for final schedule)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSTION

7:30-8:30 AM Tuesday
7:30-8:00 AM - First Fridays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Sunday before 7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:45-7:55 AM
or by appointment.

REFLECTION by FR. PETERSON

Biblical scholars are often unheralded people. They labor in dedicated anonymity in the background of the Church's activities. Yet they frequently gift us with richer understanding of God's word. The Exodus story is a sterling example. They tell us that it is the central event of the Old Testament, indeed presaging Our Lord as the new Moses leading us out of slavery to sin and freedom in a promised Paradise.

The particular incident of the encounter of Moses with God at the burning bush is well known. I must admit that I can't help picturing the scene as Cecil B. DeMille gave it to us in his movie "The Ten Commandments" that I first sat enthralled by as a youngster. (In a later viewing I noticed that God sounded very much like Charlton Heston with a deeper voice and slower diction!)

The point here is that not only did Yahweh hear the cry of His enslaved people but also that Moses was to be His chosen vessel of leadership for them. Again we note a subtle reminder that each of us has a mission, one that involves walking away from sin if not temptation. Along with that is God's admission that He does hear our prayers, even if we are impatient about when and how He responds.

In the Gospel selection we note how Jesus uses contemporary tragedies to illustrate that the victims of such are not greater sinners than the rest of us. He stresses the need for us to repent of our own sins as well as compassion for the victims of tragic events.

Finally, we hear the famous fig tree parable. Its frustrated owner wants the unproductive tree to be cut down. But his plant-loving gardener asks for a reprieve for the tree, and he promises to bring the tree back to productive life.

If we become spiritually like that tree, unproductive of the many graces we have received in life, it is more than a comfort to know that we have such a sympathetic Gardener of souls who notes our good will even when we fail. Lent has its reassuring aspects. If only we would get this and many other messages from reading and pondering the Bible that our gifted biblical scholars bring to light. It would brighten our days.

Mark Twain once said: *"Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I have always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me the most are those which I do understand."*

God love you and give you His peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 21

7:00 AM Josephine Lo

TUESDAY, March 22

7:00 AM Carmen & Regina Carfagno

WEDNESDAY, March 23

7:00 AM John R. O'Rourke, Sr.

THURSDAY, March 24

7:00 AM Anthony Cappelli Gaudini

FRIDAY, March 25

7:00 AM Kathleen Gavin

SATURDAY, March 26

8:00 AM Nancy Wasser

Msgr. Dougherty offers a Mass each Sunday for all the parishioners and for those enrolled in the church memorial fund.

THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN
IN MEMORY OF
VICTORIA DONOHOE.**

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekend of March 13, 2022: \$ 9,105

Collection in Church:	\$ 4,253
Electronic Funds Transfer:	\$ 552
Mail In:	\$ 1,955
Parish On Line:	\$ 2,345
Envelopes:	169

Collection for Church in Latin America \$ 1,241

The Weekend of March 14, 2021 \$8,675

**I sincerely thank you for continuing to live faithful stewardship. God bless you and your families.
Msgr. Dougherty**

CHURCH HOURS

**7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday,
7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, and
7:15 AM to 1:30 PM on Sunday**

CARITAS CHRISTI DUCIT

• The Love of Christ Leads •

From the Pastor

Synod and Called to More –The “Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission” is a two-year process launched by the Holy See. It is a time of listening and dialogue that began in 2021 and concludes in 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to enter into a time of conversion in order to discern how to journey more closely together in the shared mission of the Church. Synodality refers to the members of the Church listening to one another and discerning how best to fulfill the mission of the Church in proclaiming the gospel and the truths of our faith. As part of the Archdiocesan phase of the Synod, listening sessions will be held regionally through both in-person and virtual meetings. The dates and places of nearby regional sessions are: Sunday, March 20 from 5 PM—7 PM at Mother of Divine Providence in King of Prussia and a young adult session on April 3 from 1-3 pm at the Villanova Connolly Center. A listening session for our Parish community will take place Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm in the Annex. All parishioners are welcome to come and share their thoughts on their experience of Church life and how we can work together to serve the Lord.

In addition, everyone in the Archdiocese has the opportunity to fill out an online survey called the Disciple Maker Index. The Archdiocesan program “Called to More” is an effort to understand the experience of parishioners so that their needs can be better served. The survey, which only takes about 10 or 15 minutes to fill out, allows you to share your experience of your faith and the life of our Parish. Your thoughts will be helpful to me as your Pastor and to the Archdiocese in formulating what they will share with the Vatican for the Synod. I encourage you to take the Disciple Maker Index Survey online. Our Parish has sent you the link by email. If you are unable to access it online, you can request a paper copy from the Parish office. You can fill out the copy and drop it back at the Parish.

The Synod consultation process provides an opportunity for all us to give input that can be helpful in discerning wise and good paths for our Parish, the Archdiocese and the Church Universal.

Request for Help – One of our young parishioners, Yara Memar, spoke at all the Masses last weekend to solicit your help for a service project she has undertaken. She is collecting canned goods and school supplies for a Philadelphia organization that serves needy children. The canned goods and school supplies can be brought to Church this weekend. Thank you for your assistance.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The 2022 Appeal is underway. Please consider making a donation to this important collection to support the charitable works of the Archdiocese. You can donate through using the return envelope you received in the mail (extra envelopes are available in the vestibule of Church). You can donate online at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Thank you for your support.

First Reconciliation – Our second grade students in Saint Margaret School and in our Parish Religious Education Program will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week. We extend our prayers for them as they experience God’s mercy given to them in this Sacrament.

Lenten Confessions - During the Lenten Season we are especially mindful of the power of God’s forgiveness available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Turn back to the Lord with all your heart this Lent by receiving this Sacrament. In addition to the regularly scheduled times, Confession will be available on: Wednesday, March 30; Thursday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 13 from 7 to 8 pm in Church.

Tuition Assistance at Saint Margaret School – Because of donations received through the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program and other donations, St. Margaret School is able to award tuition assistance to many families. Families interested in inquiring about this and possibly enrolling their children in our School can contact Anne Becker at info@smsnarerth.org or at 610-664-2640.

CHURCH TEACHING

The Church is apostolic in the sense that she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor. Succession to the apostles in the pastoral mission necessarily entails the Sacrament of Holy Orders. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, "The faithful join in the offering of the Eucharist by virtue of their royal priesthood, yet it is the ordained priest who, "acting in the person of Christ, brings about the Eucharistic Sacrifice and offers it to God in the name of the people." For this reason, the Roman Missal prescribes that only the priest should recite the Eucharistic Prayer, while the people participate in faith and silence. (from the encyclical by St. John Paul II entitled "On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Do not believe only what the eyes of your body tell you. What is not seen is here more truly seen, for what is seen belongs to time, but what is not seen belongs to eternity. (Saint Ambrose)

A LITTLE HUMOR

Sort of a Compliment – A mother was pushing her infant daughter in a stroller when a woman stopped them on the street and remarked, "My goodness, what a beautiful baby! Does she look like her father?"

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 26

Confessions 4:00-4:45 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

5:15 PM - Fr. Pesarchick

Sunday, March 27

7:30 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

8:45 AM - Msgr. Dougherty

10:00 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

11:30 AM - Fr. DePrinzio

STAY CONNECTED

 **PARISH WEBSITE:** www.saintmarg.org

 **FACEBOOK:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.facebook.com/stmargnarberth)

 **INSTAGRAM:** [stmargnarberth](https://www.instagram.com/stmargnarberth)

PARISH NEWS

CRS RICE BOWL—Overcoming Disaster



In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice Bowl donations can be given in two ways. On Palm Sunday during the second collection or by donating online using our parish's unique CRS giving website:

<https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5911>



**Knights of
Columbus®**

The Saint Margaret Parish Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for any men wishing to attend. Ft. Timothy Danaher O.P will be leading the retreat titled **Marian Lessons for Modern Life.**

Breakfast and Hot Lunch will be served.

When: Saturday, March 26th, 8 am - 1 pm

Where: St. Margaret Parish

Cost: \$20

To sign up or for any questions please contact Dane Connelly at daneconnelly@gmail.com

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop Carroll, Class of 1970 50th Reunion

When: April, 29,30, and May 1, 2022

Where: Marriott Conshohocken and
Archbishop Carroll

Link: (choose Class of 1970)

<https://www.jcarroll.org/apps/pages/reunions>

Call the alumni office for more info 610.688.7610



The IHM Office of Mission Advancement invites mothers, daughters, sisters and friends to join them for tea to benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When: Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:30PM

Where: Meehan Center, SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester, PA

For more information and registration go to <https://www.ihmimmaculata.org>

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp

When: April 9, 2022

Info: Young men in Grades 6, 7 & 8 are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on **April 9, 2022** for the **Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)!**

Exploring the life and teachings of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the day's activities center around the theme *'To the Heights!'* and will include great talks, games, activities, prayer, and the opportunity for confession. This long-standing camp is led by the Philadelphia Seminarians and the Vocation Office for the Diocesan priesthood.

The registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and lunch/snacks and the registration deadline is **Friday, March 25th**. The registration form can be found on the Heed the Call website:

<https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/>

Main Line Singles March Event

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-67). Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month. Our next event is (Sun) March 27, 2022 @ 5:15 P.M., a safe seating restaurant event @ "Jin Ding" located at 1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL

SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL PRESENTS DESIGNER BAG BINGO FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022



TICKETS ARE \$35 ADVANCED SALE
OR \$40 AT DOOR IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE

PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY, BOOK, DAUBER & 1
RAFFLE TICKET. PRE-SALE PRICING IS VALID
UNTIL 9PM ON 4/1 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

PURCHASE ONLINE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/SMSBAGBINGO](https://bit.ly/smsbagbingo)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements. If someone is already in the hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic so that the priest will visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Parishioners unable to attend Mass regularly because of age or illness should call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion at home. If any member of your family is hospitalized, please be sure to register as a Catholic and inform the Rectory so that a visit can be arranged.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by calling Msgr. Dougherty, ext. 12. If parents have not attended a Baptism class, they must attend our Baptism Preparation Seminar. Call the rectory to register for the class. Godparents guidelines state that one godparent must be Catholic. They must be at least 16 years of age, registered in the parish where they live, fully initiated, and practicing their faith; they must obtain a letter of eligibility from their own parish. One practicing non-Catholic Christian may also be admitted as a Christian Witness. [The next Baptism Preparation Seminar is Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Rectory.](#)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners who wish to marry at St. Margaret should contact Msgr. Dougherty. The Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage can register, explore possible dates or find out more information for pre-marriage classes by visiting [PhilaMarriagePrep.com](#). For email inquiries, Amy@PhilaMarriagePrep.com.

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. You may register by calling the parish office during office hours to set up an appointment. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments and letters of eligibility to serve as godparent or sponsor.

REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate must be a registered, participating member of St. Margaret Parish, a practicing Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the church laws), at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the rectory for an appointment if you need a certificate.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

<http://www.facebook.com/ArchbishopPerez>

www.twitter.com/ArchPhilly

www.youtube.com/user/CatholicPhilly

<http://livestream.com/archphila>

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday from September to June in the Antioch Annex (9:00 to 10:30am).

THE ROSARY

Every Saturday the Rosary is recited beginning after the 7am Angelus. Come and pray with us.

PRAYER CIRCLE

Do you have an immediate prayer need or can you offer the Gift of Prayer? Tap into our electronic Prayer Circle and receive an outpouring of heartfelt prayer by members of St. Margaret Parish and others. E-mail your prayer requests or if you want to join the **Prayer Circle at cbuhn@yahoo.com**.

REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

For a donation of \$10.00, the **sanctuary candle or altar candles** will burn for a week for your intention or in memory of a loved one. Another memorial opportunity is to have **flowers** placed on the altar for a donation of \$100. Each week the intention or memorial will be published in the bulletin. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Teresa or Maryann at the rectory, 610-664-3770, Ext 10.

EUCHARIST FOR CELIAC COMMUNICANTS

St. Margaret Church is aware of the need to have the low gluten hosts available at all Masses. If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving Low-Gluten Holy Eucharist at any Mass, please contact Maria at mecarinato@gmail.com.



JOURNEY WITH US TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teaching and treasures of the Catholic Faith. St. Margaret Church offers instructions for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These instructions are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. **RCIA classes meet on Tuesday, at 7pm.** Please contact Msgr. Dougherty at pastor@saintmarg.org or 610-664-3770, Ext 12.



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